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Sir:

As advised by Examiner Kazimi on October 11, 2006, we understand that the above-identified application has not been abandoned, contrary to the indication of abandonment on the Patent Application Information Retrieval System. Furthermore, as advised by the Examiner, we understand that he will issue a new Office Action in approximately two to three weeks as previously indicated in the Advisory Action mailed January 12, 2006.

Please let us know if any additional information is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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